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Prairie View A&M University Northwest Houston Academic Center Newsletter

Northwest Academic Center Faculty Spotlight—Dr. Paul Mehta

Dr. Mehta received a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Master of Arts degree in English, and a Master of Arts degree in History from Punjab (India) University. He also holds Master of Arts and Doctor of Education degrees from the University of Montana. Dr. Mehta served as the dean of the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education at Prairie View A&M University from August 1, 1986, to August 31, 2007. On September 1, 2007, he assumed the duties of a professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling. His teaching assignments include Human Growth and Development and Cross-Cultural Issues. Before coming to Prairie View A&M University, he served as a faculty member, chairperson of the Division of Education and Psychology, and the founding dean of the School of Education and Human Services at Minot State University in Minot, North Dakota.



During his tenure as dean for twenty-one years, Dr. Mehta had several accomplishments to his credit. The enrollment of the College tripled during this period. The graduate programs which had remained non-accredited since 1978 were re-accredited by the Teacher Education (NCATE) in 1995. The relationship with the public schools were strengthened through such initiatives as Texas Education Collaborative, TAMUS Regents' Initiatives, P-16 Education Improvement Consortium (PEIC), and Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund/Gates Foundation project at Royal High School in Brookshire, Texas. Dr. Mehta is particularly proud of the annual Technology Camp for Kids established twelve years ago with private contributions.

Through his personal and professional achievements, Dr. Mehta was able to showcase Prairie View A&M University state-wide and nationally by being elected and/or appointed

Gordon Parks Exhibit @ John B. Coleman Library



Prairie View and the John B. Coleman Library's 4th Floor Art Gallery are proud to present in collaboration art2art circulating exhibits, and with the Gordon Parks Foundation, ***Gordon Parks: Crossroads***, a 45-photograph retrospective celebrating the life work of one of America's most accomplished 20th century artists. Photographer, poet, novelist, composer, musician and filmmaker, Gordon Parks (1912-2006) spent a lifetime shattering barriers in his pursuit of truth, beauty, social justice and artistic expression. This exhibition will be on view through September 31, 2010. For more information please contact **Lauren Kelley**, Curator of Art Collections, 936-261-1523

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ProQuest Webinar Training @Northwest Center Computer Lab

Make plans to participate in new database training webinars sponsored by ProQuest, one of the most widely used research databases subscribed to by the John B. Coleman Library. ProQuest webinars are designed to help users get the most out of the available products and databases including those in : the Arts, Business, Dissertations/Theses, Health and Medicine, History, Literature, Newspapers, Science and Technology and Social Sciences. The following list of webinars will be held at the NW Campus Computer Lab:

- **CSA Illustrata: Natural Sciences**—The database offers groundbreaking deep indexing that pinpoints high-value tables and figures in journal articles, spanning a wide range of subject areas. The session is scheduled for 75 minutes.
Sept 14, 2009 12:00PM - 1:00PM
- **Ethnic News Watch**—Access titles from the ethnic, minority and native presses including bilingual content (English and Spanish) with a quarter of the content in Spanish. The session is scheduled for 75 minutes.
September 17, 2009 1:00PM - 2:15PM

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to governing boards of state and national organizations such as Texas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Holmes Partnership as Council of Academic Deans for Research Education Institutions. He has been the recipient of several honors and awards from these organizations. Dr. Mehta has an extensive list of publications and presentations in the area of higher education leadership and governance.

Some of Dr. Mehta's many contributions to the education community include memberships on the Board Examiners of

NCATE, Texas Coalition of University/School Partnerships Steering Committee, and the Fort Bend Independent School District Task Force on International Studies and Culture Center. He is former president and current trustee of the India Culture Center, an umbrella organization of Indo-Americans in Metropolitan Houston. He also serves on the Board of Directors of India House, a multi-service Community Center in SW Houston.

Dr. Mehta and his wife Sudesh, a retired high school teacher from Klein Independent School District, have two children. Their daughter, Samita, a senior attorney

with Conoco-Phillips, and her husband, Utpal Mehta, also an attorney, are the parents of Mehta's 14-year old grandson, Naren, residing in Jakarta, Indonesia. Their son Neal is a teacher in Austin Independent School District. His wife is Monique Rodriguez Mehta, a Student Development Specialist for the University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture Career Services Center. They are parents of Mehta's 10-month old granddaughter Nicola.

Prairie View @ NAME International Conference

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A Mile High Commitment to Change:

*Reaching New Heights in Equity & Social Justice
Throughout the Global Community*

**Oct. 28- Nov. 1, 2009
Grand Hyatt, Denver, Colorado**



**National Association for Multicultural Education
www.nameorg.org**

Prairie View faculty, staff and students are pleased to announce their participation in the **National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), 2009 International Conference** to be held October 28-November 1, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt in Denver, Colorado.

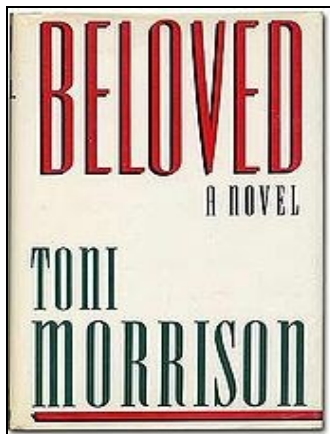
Dr. Donald Collins, from the College of Education, is current President of the Texas, NAME Chapter. The 2009-2010 newly elected board from Prairie View includes: Earnestyne Walter-Sullivan-President Elect and Marcia Shelton-Member At Large. NAME brings together individuals and groups with an interest in multicultural education from all levels, academic disciplines and from diverse educational institutions and occupations.

Banned Books Week—*Beloved*—Book Discussion

Banned Books Week, launched in 1982 as a response to censorship, is the only national celebration of the freedom to read. During the last week of September many libraries draw attention to books that have appeared on the American Library Associations List of banned books.

In honor of Banned Books Weeks the NW Center will host a Book Discussion of the critically acclaimed novel by Toni Morrison, *Beloved* on Saturday, September 26th at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a light lunch and discussion of one of the most prolific African American female writers of all times.

Toni Morrison was born in Ohio as Chloe Anthony Wofford in 1931. Morrison uses her family history of storytelling, fantasy and my-



**Book Review of *Beloved* by
Toni Morrison
Sept. 26, 2009
11:00 a.m. --2:00 p.m.**

thology to create characters that tackle topics such as racism, segregation, pride and love.

Beloved made the list of banned books in 1995, when it was challenged in Florida and Texas for violence, sexuality and racist language. Toni Morrison defends her writings and states that her stories are influenced by life events including her experiences living in a racist hostile neighborhood, where her home was set afire while the family was still inside. *Beloved* won Morrison a Pulitzer Prize and her next novel *Jazz* made her the first African American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. (http://litlovers.com/guide_beloved.html)

To RSVP please call 713-790-7282 ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu

New Library Logon

All Faculty, Staff and Students are required to enter your network ID and network password to access the Library's electronic resources from off campus. Your network ID is the first part of your Prairie View A&M University e-mail address (your network ID is the part before the @ on your e-mail address) and your password is your e-mail password.

Example: jbc Coleman@pvamu.edu. In this example; "jbc Coleman" would be the network ID.

For faculty and staff: Please contact Help Desk at (936) 261-252. **For students:** If you do not know your email account, please log into Panthertracks to obtain your network ID. Instructions on how to access Panthertracks can be obtained at the following Web-site:

http://www.pvamu.edu/Include/Benchmarks/Documentation/How_Do_I/Students/LogIn%20for%20the%20first%20time.pdf.

HBCU Faculty Development Conference

The Sixteenth National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium "Enhancing the Global Competence of HBCU Faculty and Students: Teaching, Research and Service" will be held on **October 22-24, 2009 at the Marriott Buckhead Hotel Atlanta**. Co-sponsored and hosted by the HBCU Faculty Development Network, Morehouse College, and Members of the UNCF Institute for Capacity Building, Atlanta University.

The guest speaker will be **Dr. Karl Reid, UNCF Senior Vice President, Academic Programs & Strategic Initiatives**, a national leader in minority science and technology education,

he earned both his BA and MA degrees in Materials Science and Engineering from MIT and his Doctorate of Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Prairie View will be represented by the faculty, staff and students presenting research, workshops and papers. Participants will have an opportunity to tour several of the HBCUs in the area.

For more information contact Dr. Laurette Foster, Center for Teaching Excellence: lboster@pvamu.edu or 936-261-1973

Event Pictures

White Affair/State of University Address



Pictured above from the All White Affair/State of the University Address Reception—Dr. Patricia Smith, a recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award and Dr. Douglass Hermond both from the College of Education (top left)

Dr. Pamela Barber Freeman from the College of Education and Dr. Michael McFrazier, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs (top right);

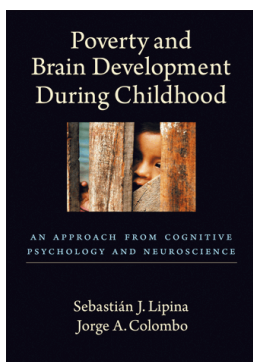


Pictured above—the entertainment for the reception:

T.D. Jefferson, Director of Information Technology—guitar, saxophone and vocals; Michelle Davis, Office of Academic Affairs—vocalist; Shuntia Wheeler, Prairie View senior—vocalist

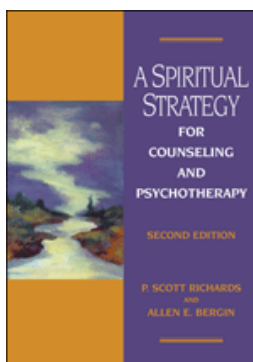
Not pictured— Dr. Sanders, College of Arts and Science—keyboards; Christian Williams, Prairie View graduate student—drummer and vocalist; Philippe Edison, former Prairie View student—saxophone and vocals. Congratulations go out to Mr. Edison who was just accepted into the Berkley School of Music in Boston and rescheduled his trip so that he could participate in the Prairie View event.

New Books at NW Campus from the American Psychological Association



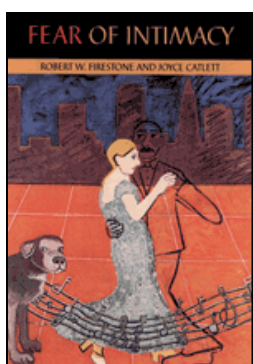
Poverty and Brain Development During Childhood: An Approach From Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience
Sebastián J. Lipina, PhD and Jorge A. Colombo, MD, PhD

Poverty and Brain Development During Childhood examines how a range of early social and material deprivations affect structural and functional brain organization and cognitive and socioemotional development postnatally and throughout childhood. How does poverty affect physical and mental health? Studying these and other equally compelling questions, the authors apply a suite of neuroscientific and cognitive frameworks to examine the cognitive performance of children living in poverty in different countries.



A Spiritual Strategy for Counseling and Psychotherapy, Second Edition
P. Scott Richards, PhD and Allen E. Bergin, PhD

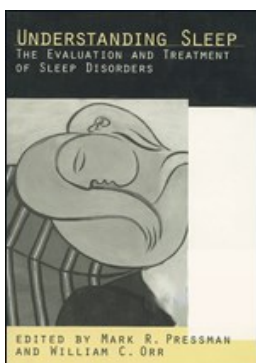
A Spiritual Strategy for Counseling and Psychotherapy, Second Edition shows mental health professionals how to deal sensitively with clients whose spirituality or religion is an important part of their lives. This book highlights the therapeutic possibilities religion and spirituality can offer. Building on the success of the first edition, the new edition provides timely updates and additional theoretical grounding for integrating a theistic, spiritual strategy into mainstream psychology. This book provides helpful background and insight into the history and philosophy of science and psychology, the world religions, the practice of psychotherapy, and the process of research and scientific discovery.



Fear of Intimacy
Robert W. Firestone, PhD and Joyce Catlett, MA

Why is it that the relationships we care about most—those with our intimate partners—often seem doomed to fail? Why do we feel compelled to punish those closest to us who love and appreciate our real qualities?

In *Fear of Intimacy*, the authors bring almost 40 years of clinical experience to bear in challenging the usual ways of thinking about couples and families. They argue that relationships fail not for the commonly cited reasons, but because psychological defenses formed in childhood act as a barrier to closeness in adulthood.



Understanding Sleep: The Evaluation and Treatment of Sleep Disorders
Edited by Mark R. Pressman, PhD and William C. Orr, PhD

Sleep is a complex, active process that is just now being understood. Sleep deprivation can have a profound effect on cognitive functioning, mental health status, work performance, quality of life, and physiological and immune functioning. This volume provides a clear review of the biological rhythms and stages of sleep and outlines the various categories of sleep disorders. For practitioners, it provides methods to chart client's sleep patterns and behavioral approaches that may help relieve such problems as insomnia.

For more information on these books please consult the APA website at:
<http://www.apa.org/books/contact.html>

Faculty/Students/Staff Announcements

- Recipients of the **Teaching Excellence Awards**, which recognizes faculty members based on student ranking surveys each semester included: **Winners in the top 5 percent category: Clarissa Booker, Orion Ciftja, Alex Colvin, Immaculata Igbo, Lisa Thompson.** **Winners in next 15 percent category: Fred Bragg, Donald Harby, Francis Handforth, Laurette Foster, Alphonso Keaton, Doris Morgan-Bloom, Williams Ross, Premkumar Saganti, Eloria Simon-Campbell, Safwat Shakir, Patricia Smith, Lewis Smith, Jennifer Trombley, Earnestynne Walter-Sullivan, Faye Walker.** Monetary awards ranged from 2,500 to 5,000.
- The summer 2009 issue of **Minority Nurse Magazine** features **Prairie View A&M University's College of Nursing**

Betty N. Adams, PhD, RN and dean of the College is also showcased in the article titled **"Historically Black Nursing Schools: Yesterday and Today,"** by Leigh Page.

To read the entire article, please visit the Minority Nurse web site:



<http://www.minoritynurse.com/minority-leaders/historically-black-nursing-schools-yesterday-and-today>



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- The **Tour de Pink bike ride--Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009**, Prairie View A&M University will serve as the official site for the Tour de Pink 2009 bike ride to benefit breast cancer : Pink Ribbons Project: <http://www.pinkribbons.org>
- Librarians **Kimberly M. Gay** and **Elizabeth Jean Brumfield** will be presenters at the **16th National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium in October 2009**. Reference and Instruction Librarian, **Kimberly M. Gay** and **Dr. Tonya Scott**, Assistant Professor of English, presentation is entitled: **"Enhancing, Engaging, and Exciting: Global Intersections of Information Literacy, Technology, and Professional Writing"**. Ms. Gay and **Dr. Clarissa Booker**, Professor of Reading and **Sid W. Richardson** Fellow, will also present. Their presentation is entitled: **Enjoying African American Literature from a Global Perspective: Active Teaching and Learning Enjoying the Classics in African American Literature**. Ms. Brumfield's presentation is entitled: **Information Technology and the HBCU Librarian**. Ms. Brumfield was also accepted as a Proposal Reviewers for the **International NAME Conference** and for the **14th Off Campus Library Conference** to be held in **Cleveland, Ohio-April 2010**. This conference focuses on resources for students who attend classes remotely and brings together library and other professionals from various countries and disciplines.

Important Dates for Graduate Students

September 18, Friday

Graduation Application Deadline for Fall 2009

September 21-26, Monday - Saturday

Late Graduation Application Deadline Period for Fall 2009

October 27, Tuesday

Mid-Semester Grades Due

November 9, Monday

Withdrawal from Course(s) with record ("W") **Ends**

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for Spring 2010 Graduation

November 17, Tuesday

Priority Registration **Begins** for Spring 2010

November 26-28, Thursday-Saturday

Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)

December 8, Tuesday

Last Class Day for Fall 2009 Semester

Last Day to Withdraw from the University (From All

Courses) for the Fall 2009 Semester

December 11-16, Friday-Wednesday

Final Examination Period

December 16, Wednesday

Final Grades Due for Graduation Candidates

December 19, Saturday

Commencement

December 22, Tuesday

Final grades due for all students

For more information go to Registrar's Homepage: <http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/2097.asp>

Faculty/Students/Staff Announcements (continued)

- **Dr. Bernadine Duncan and Dr. Pamela Barber-Freeman** gave a presentation entitled, *"The Effects of Learning Communities in Graduates Courses"*, at the 28th Annual Research Association of Minority Professors' Conference held in Montgomery, Alabama on February 5-7, 2009. The team also presented the results of a year-long pilot study on learning communities at the graduate level during their presentation entitled, *"The CLIMB Learning Community Model"* at the Texas Association of Black School Educator's Conference held in Houston, Texas on March 2009. Dr. Bernadine Duncan also gave a presentation entitled, *"Stress Management and Relaxation Training"*, for the Zeta Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Total Woman Series at the University of Houston on March 30, 2009.
- **S.P.I.T. Knowledge Lecture Series** sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs



Sept. 15, 2009, 6:30 p.m. Memorial Student Center Auditorium
Dr. Walter Kimbrough

12th President of Philander Smith College and author of *"Black Greek 101: The Culture, Customs and challenges of Black Fraternities and Sororities"*. As the first college president from the hip-hop generation, he is one of the youngest college presidents in the nation. Prior to Philander Smith College, he served in administrative capacities at Albany State University, Old Dominion University, Georgia State University and Emory University. Based on a strong fraternity experience, Dr. Kimbrough has forged a national reputation as an expert on historically Black fraternities and sororities. After five months, the book was an Essence Magazine top 10 best seller, and is currently in its eighth printing.



Nov. 17, 2009, 6:30 p.m. Memorial Student Center Auditorium
Nikki Taylor Compton

"Nikki" Taylor-Compton, a former teenage mother, is a native of Louisville, KY and the eldest child of eight. She is also a graduate of Berea College and just recently graduated from the University of Louisville with both her law degree (J.D.) and her Master of Business Administration (MBA). Nikki enjoys using her experiences to motivate others. She openly speaks of her successes and failures in hopes to make a difference in the lives of many.

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Waymon T. Webster Professional Growth Conference



On Saturday, March 7, 2009, the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling hosted the **17th Annual Waymon T. Webster Professional Growth Conference** which drew approximately 575 participants. The keynote speaker for the event was **Dr. Wade Nobles**, one of the leading researchers on social systems and psycho-cultural development. He has written extensively on African American family dynamics, the psychological aspects of mythology, the Black child development, parenting, and systems of human

transformation and development. The focus of his topic was ***Seeking the Sakhur: To Be African, To Be Family, To Be Awesome!***

In addition to this informative presentation, **Dr. Waymon T. Webster** was honored for his 42 years of service to the university, the ELC department, and the counseling profession. He received many accolades from distinguished colleagues and friends, was presented with a proclamation from the mayor of Prairie View, Texas, and received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The conference organizers were Dr.s' Bernadine Duncan - Chair, William Ross, Wanda Johnson, Lee Coleman, Carl Gardiner, and F.A. White.



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ProQuest Webinar Training (continued)

Additional ProQuest webinar database trainings to be held at the NW Center Computer Lab include:

- **ProQuest Dissertations and Thesis**—This webinar covers content, functions, and features of, as well as tips for using, ABI/INFORM on the ProQuest interface. ProQuest Trainers will also try to answer any questions and show you how to access support options such as help pages, factsheets and tutorials. The session is scheduled for 90 minutes
Date: Sept 21, 2009 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Ancestry Library Edition**—Ancestry Library Edition makes family research easy for beginners while still providing in-depth tools for even the most advanced genealogists. Recent search enhancements offer intuitive content organization, image enhancing and simplified on-screen navigation. Plus, a new Enhanced Viewer allows nearly all content to be viewed through this one interface.
Date: Sep 29, 2009 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- **ProQuest Research Library**—Designed to cover the top 150 core academic subject reference areas; includes a core list of periodicals plus 15 supplemental subject-specific modules. Get an introductory overview of the platform and database or refresh your awareness with an update. This course covers content, functions, and features of, as well as tips for using, ProQuest Research Library on the ProQuest interface. The session is scheduled for 75 minutes.
Date: Oct 7, 2009 1:00-2:15 p.m.

All Prairie View students and faculty are invited to attend. Please contact Elizabeth Jean Brumfield to register for these and future ProQuest webinars: 713-790-7282

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